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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you in order to ask for your prayers and material support for the people of Haiti. We are, by now, very much aware of the devastation that has occurred in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, this week. The impact on the people of Haiti is enormous and indications are that much of the city is in rubble with thousands feared dead, hundreds of thousands left homeless, with up to three million people in need of disaster relief – one third of the nation's population.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, where the basic necessities of life are difficult to obtain at the best of times. It is also a country where many religious congregations have been working to help the poor for a very long time.

Dear friends in Christ, I encourage you to be supportive of the people of Haiti through Development and Peace – which is also officially known as Caritas Canada. Contributions can be made directly through the Development and Peace website.

May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts to respond with generosity and prayer to the afflicted people of Haiti.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard Gagnon
Bishop of Victoria